

What is claimed is:

1. A recording and/or reproducing apparatus, comprising:

5 a cartridge loading member provided on one side of a main body of the apparatus, and into which a tape cartridge, in which a magnetic tape having a leader block provided on one end is wound, is loaded;

a take-up mechanism provided on the other end of the main body of the apparatus, and which winds the magnetic tape pulled out from the tape cartridge;

10 a carrying mechanism including an engagement shaft which engages with an engaging portion of the leader block, and tape pulling member for pulling the magnetic tape out from the tape cartridge, where the carrying mechanism carries the tape pulling member between the tape cartridge loaded into the cartridge loading member and the take-up mechanism; and

15 a magnetic head mechanism provided between the cartridge loading member and the take-up mechanism, and which is for recording or reproducing information signals on or from the magnetic tape, wherein

20 an area in which the cartridge loading member is formed and an area in which the take-up mechanism, the carrying mechanism and the magnetic head mechanism are formed are divided by a partition, and

the partition has an opening portion through which the magnetic tape is pulled out, and a shutter mechanism for opening or closing the opening portion.

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2. The recording and/or reproducing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a sheet provided above the cartridge loading member, and which is for covering a clearance between the cartridge loading member and a top surface portion of the main body of the apparatus.

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3. The recording and/or reproducing apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein

when the cartridge loading member is not loaded with the tape cartridge, the tape pulling member stands by the partition in the area in which the take-up mechanism, carrying mechanism and the magnetic
5 head mechanism are formed, and

when the opening portion is opened in response to the loading of the tape cartridge, the tape pulling member enters into the cartridge loading member through the opening portion, and pulls out the magnetic tape.

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